

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A container for serving infused liquid beverages made from infusion bags having a string and tag attached, said container comprising a receptacle for holding liquid, a lid for the receptacle provided with an opening having a first portion which is capable of gripping the string of the infusion bag and a second portion located on the first portion through which the string of the infusion bag can move into and out of the container, and a dispensing outlet through which the consumer drinks the beverage wherein the first portion comprises a first slit with further slits that extend at right angles therefrom and that are aligned with the second portion, further wherein the first slit with further slits results in four right angles.

2-3 (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second portion is an aperture that is circular and has a diameter greater than that of the string on the infusion bag.

5. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the length of the first slit is sufficient that the tag attached to the string may be pushed through it without bending the tag.

6-9 (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A lid for a container for serving infused liquid beverages made from infusion bags having a string and tag attached, said lid being provided with an opening having a first portion which is capable of gripping the string of the infusion bag and a second portion located on the first portion through which the string of the infusion bag can move into and out of the container, and a dispensing outlet through which the consumer drinks the beverage wherein the first portion comprises a first slit with further slits that extend at right angles therefrom and that are aligned with the second portion, further wherein the first slit with further slits results in four right angles.

11-12 (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A lid as claimed in claim 10 wherein the second portion is an aperture that is circular and has a diameter greater than that of the string on the infusion bag.

14. (previously presented) A lid as claimed in claim 10 wherein the length of the first slit is sufficient that the tag attached to the string may be pushed through it without bending the tag.

15-18 (cancelled)